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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 17, line 2, change "any one of Claims 1 to 16" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 18, line 2, change "any one of Claims 1 to 16" to --Claim 1--.

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 17 and 18 has been amended to delete multiple dependency.